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SUBJ: ALLEGED RECRUITMENT ATTEMPT MEMBER SOVIET UN MISSION

1. AT HIS REQUEST, MISOFF GLENNON LUNCHEd WITH FIRST SECRETARY YURI SHCHERBAKOV ON FEB 16, 1978 TO DISCUSS "AN IMPORTANT MATTER." DURING LUNCH SHCHERBAKOV DESCRIBED AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT SOV MISSION ATTACHE ANDREI SHATOV, SECRETARY TO AMB TROYANOVSKY. ACCORDING TO SHCHERBAKOV, MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH TROYANOVSKY AND PERMISSION OBTAINED TO DISCUSS INCIDENT WITH MISOFF RATHER THAN SUBMIT FORMAL NOTE OF PROTEST TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICITY HARMFUL TO US-SOV RELATIONS. SHCHERBAKOV INDICATE MATTER WOULD NOT BE FORMALIZED IF "HARASSMENT OF SHATOV" IS DISCONTINUED.

2. ACCORDING TO SHCHERBAKOV, ON AFTERNOON JAN 30, 1978, SHATOV, WHILE WAITING AT 54TH ST AND 3RD AVE TO MEET TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF SOV MISSION, WAS APPROACHED BY AN AMERICAN MALE WHO CALLED HIM BY NAME AND INVITED HIM TO LUNCH. SHATOV REFUSED, STATING HE WAS MEETING FRIENDS. THE AMERICAN THEN ASKED IF HE HAD TIME FOR A CUP OF COFFEE. WHEN THIS

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OFFER WAS ALSO REFUSED, THE AMERICAN CHIDED SHATOV FOR BEING UNFRIENDLY AND INFORMED HIM THAT HE KNEW HE WAS MEMBER OF SOV MISSION AND ADDED HE KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HIM. ACCORDING TO SHCHERBAKOV, SHATOV WAS ADAMANT IN HIS REFUSAL TO HAVE DEALINGS WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE CONTINUED HIS PLEAS WHILE FOLLOWING SHATOV BACK TO SOV MISSION AT 67TH ST AND 3RD AVE.

3. ACCORDING TO SHCHERBAKOV, ON FEB 10, SHATOV NOTICED THE SAME AMERICAN OUTSIDE SMUN AND WHEN HE WAS POINTED OUT TO OTHER SOV PERSONNEL HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS SOMEONE THEY OFTEN SEE AROUND SMUN. WHEN SHATOV EXITED SMUN THAT DAY FOR AN AUTO TRIP TO SOV COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE, THE AMERICAN FOLLOWED SHATOV'S CAR TO ITS DESTINATION.

4. SHCHERBAKOV DESCRIBED ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENTS AS ONLY MOST RECENT ONES. HE SAID SHATOV HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS IN WHICH THE CALLER EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO MEET WITH HIM. HE SAID THERE WERE ALSO CALLS FROM A MR. MARRABITO WHO, SHCHERBAKOV DESCRIBED, AS A FRIEND OF SHATOV'S FATHER WHEN THE LATTER SERVED AT SMUN MANY YEARS AGO. SHATOV REFUSED MARRABITO'S INVITATIONS BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO SHCHERBAKOV, HE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIS INTENTIONS.

5. SHCHERBAKOV STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES SOVS WISH TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICITY HARMFUL TO US-SOV RELATIONS. SHCHERBAKOV INSISTED HE WAS NOT INDICATING THAT INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED WAS US INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. HE SAID IT COULD BE SOMEONE WORKING ON HIS OWN FOR FOR OTHERS WHO HOPE TO DAMAGE US-SOV RELATIONS.

6. MISOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION.
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